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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray, gracious God, that we will not be content simply to follow old paths and repeat meaningless patterns, but that our hearts and minds would be open to new adventures and new opportunities of service. May Your good Spirit breathe into our souls a freshness that cleanses our ideas, our hopes, and our dreams and may we truly look to Your guidance for the days ahead. Teach us to grow in Your grace and trust in Your goodness, this day and every day. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. JONES] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JONES led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER RELATIVE TO FLOOR PRIVILEGES OF FORMER MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. On June 9, 1994, Speaker Foley reminded former Mem-

bers of the prohibition of clause 3 of rule XXXII against former Members obtaining floor privileges during the pendency of a matter in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest, emphasizing that the test for whether the rule is being violated is the former Member's status as one with a personal or pecuniary interest rather than their intent to lobby. On that occasion Speaker Foley also admonished former Members from importuning the doorkeepers to waive the restrictions of the rule, since the Chair may not even recognize a unanimous-consent request to do so.

The Chair is taking this opportunity to reiterate the guidelines first announced by Speaker O'Neill under clause 3 of rule XXXII on January 6, 1977, and again on June 7, 1978, and by Speaker Foley last year in order to discourage former Members from attempting to exercise their limited floor privileges when they find themselves under this restriction and to remind former Members that the prohibition extends beyond the floor to rooms leading thereto, such as the Speaker's lobby and the respective Cloakrooms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER RELATIVE TO 1-MINUTES

The SPEAKER. The Chair will take 20 1-minutes on each side.

VINE AND WINE

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, over the last 30 years, the Federal Government has become far too generous with the taxpayer's money. Washington bureaucrats not satisfied with wasting money on domestic programs find new and inventive ways to waste it in other countries.

Here are a few examples of what I am talking about: The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, the International Office of Vine and Wine, the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses, the Colombo Plan Council for Technical Cooperation, and the International Natural Rubber Study Organization.

All of these programs have two things in common: They are funded by the American taxpayer and they need desperately to be unfunded by the American taxpayer.

Mr. Speaker, we realize that the Federal Government cannot continue spending money as if there were no tomorrow, and we can no longer afford overseas extravagance. It is time to streamline bureaucracy and eliminate the proliferation of silly named programs that have no real purpose and no real need to exist. The American Overseas Interests Act will reduce our monetary aid commitments overseas to one percent of the Federal budget, much more in line with what the American people want us to do in this Congress.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS FAVOR TAX CUTS FOR WEALTHY

(Mr. GEPHARDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, now that the Republicans have forced their budget resolution through this House, it is easy to get lost in a sea of numbers and statistics—to forget about the impact this trickle-down travesty will have on the hard-working people of America.

But I cannot forget—because every time I walk the streets of my district in St. Louis, I meet the people who stand to lose health care benefits, pension benefits, and student loans—all to pay for a tax cut for the wealthy that is so unfair, so unnecessary, so

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